LET ME LOVE YOU

AND

OTHER POEMS

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AUTHOR'S NOTE

This collection contains original personal love poems from 2015 to 2016, written under the pen names Donward Bughaw and Donward Cañete Gomez Bughaw, while I was still a student.

The poems have been lightly polished for this edition, but the voice, emotion, and heart of each piece remain the same as when I first wrote them.

DEDICATION

To my first muses, my family,

and to those who held my hand through every line.

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Let Me Love You

Originally posted on Facebook on December 30, 2016

Let me love you for a hundred thousand years,

Let me hold you for so long as I live;

It's possible if you truly believe,

For what it takes to be a man is faith.

Let me love you for a hundred thousand years.

Love is forever, but life does cease,

And little by little you will learn through faith:

Love is a feeling that never fades.

Untouchable

Originally posted on Facebook on February 17, 2015

Life is a balance of holding on and letting go,
Where we weighed both the quality of joy and sorrow
We live, we love, we cry, we understand;
Sometimes, too, we ask dumbfounded.

Life is a gift—
Incomparable to other essential things.
The mystery of joy and the hope of love
Were once a masterpiece provided by God.

But beyond these, where mirth stops,
Is the endless myth of sadness, in contrast,
That comes to justify true happiness.

Not in our daily, frolicsome needs,
Nor at every junction's beauty we perceive,
But in understanding all the things that exist:
Partly, how true love is attained —

Not in need of every material thing...

And partly, how love is lost,

Because you really choose.

Babe, I Love You

Originally posted on Facebook on December 27, 2016

Shall I entitle you 'my Queen,'
Or treat you like a princess?
Do you remember where we've been
Through those very special days?

So I have to admit:
Yesterday was ours.
You were a fair brunette,
And I was that handsome lad.
We bump on into each other
And you, dear, were almost mad.
You scared me with your fierce stare,
But I throw you back my love.

Now my hair has turned to gray,
And yours too;
And there are these words I'd like to say:
'Babe, I love you.'

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I Love You From The Start

Originally posted on Facebook on December 27, 2016

I love you from the start,

From the time we first met,

Till the rest of my life.

Forever, I'll love you, Babe.

Finally, my Eve, I've found you

Among a thousand Eves in Paradise;

And I will love you truely

From this day on, till death do us part.

Moment of An Inspired Heart

Originally posted on Facebook on December 30, 2016

Once in my past memento:

There was a lady I saw —

So sweet to tell, so merry to know;

It was a tale from long ago.

My fragile heart went pit-a-pat

That very time I met my crush.

For words to tell were very tough,

And just to know her was enough.

Every hour, every minute,

All in mind, her lovely face;

Her perfect pose and graces

Were my tokens, my silhouettes.

She's my goddess, my valued dear;

My lonely heart adores her.

With every breath of humming air,

"You're my crush," is what I'd whispered.

Tale of a Valiant Merman

Originally posted on Facebook on January 13, 2017

Under the brilliance of the moonlit night,
A mermaid was singing far out at sea;
And how fair she was to be caught in sight,
Sitting on a rock while looking to me.

The great radiance of the luminous moon
Sparkled like diamonds on her shiny hair;
I marvelled for so long as I gazed on —
Her beauty seems to have allured me sheer!

And then I started to sing with her too,
Drawing close to where she was seated;
And seated myself beside her, though I knew
We're not of the same kind — and yet!

A water nymph appeared with a wand,
And turned me into a valiant merman.

Love Is Like the Sun

Originally posted on Facebook on January 3, 2017

Love rises like the morning shine.

Happiness hides for us to find,

As the day's work to be done,

And after all, they just come and gone.

Love fades like the setting sun.

Problems hard to overcome

Often leave you just around;

Torment comes and let you down.

Crux

Originally posted on Facebook on December 30, 2016

Sometimes the highest point of interest

Is deciding to have a break up;

For we've often found it best,

Not knowing what's on the other side.

How sad it is at the climax of love —

We don't know if we'll cheer or wail.

We don't even know if we'll get hurt,

But all you need to remember is:

Treat love as your foe,

Consider it an enemy —

The greatest of all "bests" for you

Till you become the man you ought to be.

Alone With You

Originally posted on Facebook on January 2, 2017

I'm alone,

Walking through the aisle,

Wishing you were by my side,

Holding on...

I'm alone,

Walking so blue through the aisle,

Cause I've been missing you in my life,

While holding on...

I'm alone,

Walking so blue through the aisle of love,

Ever dreaming now you were by my side,

Holding on...

I'm alone,

Far away from you,

With heart so blue,

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Holding on...

I'm alone,

With you in my head,

As I walk down the street,

Holding on...

That you'll be back,

And walk with me,

Happily, holding hands.

Your Only Moon

Originally posted on Facebook on January 1, 2017

You are the planet,

And I'm your moon.

I'll be in orbit,

With you alone.

An Expectation

Originally posted on Facebook on January 1, 2017

Whenever my honey is far away,
I think of her every single day,
And keep an eye always on her picture,
Thinking of what we'll be in the future.

And then smile I without a reason,
And blush when caught by Mom alone.
Then again, she would remind me
Of past experience in array —

And expect not to cry
If love should ever pine.

Crossroad

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016. Collab with Kiff Kent Sevelo.

My road meets yours...

And though they meet and intersect,

There's still this difference.

My road is less travelled by,

But yours is often taken...

And though they meet and intersect,

There's still this difference.

Dream Boy

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016. Collab with Marilyn H. Yalon.

It thrills me every time I see

him stare or glance

at this little girl

who wishes nothing but his heart alone!

Secret

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016. Collab with Diane Gay Tendero

I have kept a secret with me,

that I never knew what it was...

until it was revealed.

Distance

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016. Collab with Joyca Valenzona.

The aloofness of our gap seems to

bother me

every time an idea ruffles in my mind

that we will never be with each other

anymore...

But my fortitude told me not to fret,

and just be strong for whatever it means...

For how far our distance is,

still, our hearts were near.

For yours beats for me and mine beats

for you.

Hall Dance

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016

I saw them peeping through the skylight —

both the stars and the crescent moon;

they wondered why the two of us

are dancing in the hall, all alone.

Sweet Romance

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016

How I wish to hold you tight,

And kiss thy lips, if I might;

All I want is you tonight,

Here beside me till the morn.

Baby, all I need is you.

Please, stay and do not go far from me —

because if so, I'll die

from mourning.

The Lonely Soul

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016

I am the lonely soul that was left,
and you who took my happiness
are like a pirate, a wandering thief
that sails through oceans and seas
to find a thing for you to take —
a heart, a love, a merriment.

Your fleet was singing joyful songs
as they sailed the azure sky,
with wealth of mine taken along.
They hissed at me, "Goodbye."

With smiles they scorned me by their words
that struck like blades of swords.
I lost my wealth, for I grew faint,
and now I lost conciousness...

When I regained my strength,
oh how vain it is! How vain it is!

An inscription, "Hic Jacet,"

is all I've found and read!

Invincible

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016

My love is invincible —

It can be your refuge.

It is irrevocable...

Some secrets to divulge.

My love is unconquerable —

It'll be what it is, till I'm old...

Typically invariable.

Some stories are untold.

Catastrophe

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016

Catastrophe!
You'd hurt me severely.
You do not know what I feel today —
today, that you're gone away from me.

Catastrophe! Oh, you Catastrophe,
why did you desert me?
Will you please tell me,
that I must set my thralldom free.

You do not know, oh Catastrophe,
what I feel this very day:
that I'm alone coz you're away,
and I am feeling very sorry
to tell the truth that I am lonely.

Truly Mad

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016

Donward, you are wrong when you said,

"I will hurt them."

Over and over again, you're saying the

same old thing,

Never aware of what had happened.

You miss, wasting time playing dumb

with the girls;

and now that you've fallen back in love,

rejoice — do prosper in thy faint heart.

Does it mean you're truly mad?

The Philander and His Lady

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016

Hey lady, why are you crying?
Are you not happy I am here?
From the very time I left I've been missing you,
and now that I am back, O dear, please
cheer, and wipe your tears.

Hey lady, what's the meaning of your tears?
Please lady, tell me why are you crying,
though I am back? Perhaps, there's
something wrong here.
Can I know it before you,
that we can go on and let it be.

Hey lady, is there anything left?
Or none at all, to ever cause my tears?
Hey lady, I love you. Please cease from
crying.
I'm always here to comfort you now that I
am back.

Hey lady, I am back. I left,

but now I'm here. So, what's the meaning of your tears

that you keep crying without a cause? Have you?

Hey lady, can I ask you?

Are you not happy now that I am back?

Does it mean you're crying,

thinking how I left you

with glistenng tears in thine eyes

down to your cheeks, right here?

Hey lady, I am here! How are you?

Please smile and wipe thy tears,

that I'll know you're happy now that I am back

from the very time I left

brokenheartedly crying.

Happiness does prosper here.

For goodness' sake, you're welcome back!

I love you too, you philanderer.

Now, the second is over cause only second's are left.

If you'll ask why — I've been with Azrael.

That was the reason for my tears.

And this will be the last time you will see me crying.

Lost in A Labyrinth

Originally posted on Facebook on December 30, 2016

I'm lost.

Feeling giddy,

fearing, stumbling, panting

in a dark and endless network

that stinks.

To My Beloved Ailyn Balus

Originally posted on Poemhunter on October 2, 2015

I thought that we were meant for each other,

So why are you fading now, oh Ailyn Balus?

I love you so much —

So why did you abandoned me?

Perhaps you're searching for someone more elegant,

Someone more perfect than I could ever be.

But my love for you was real,

Not a lie, not a madness.

You, my dear, were the only one for me.

No one could take that feeling away,

Or stop my heart from beating your name,

For you live deep inside me.

Your memories may be gone,

But mine were still vivid and new.

I cannot bear to remember,

So I weep alone in my room.

Every time I recall our past,

It hurts — because you are the one

Who made a home inside my heart.

Dragona

Originally posted on Facebook on December 30, 2016

Deceit dwelt in her divinity.

Effigy of an imperceptible impostor:

"Victor of Defeat" was her trophy.

Inhumane, she is — that I've fled from her in terror;

Nemisis, be burned in Hell

at great torment till the end!

Hell Fire

Originally posted on Facebook on December 30, 2016

Aljine, dear, are you my guardian angel,

lenient enough to free me out of here?

Jehovah sent you, perhaps, to save me —

invulnerable to fire that besieged.

Not one, but you alone who dare to enter here,

fearlessly, as far as I know.

Say No Word

Originally posted on Facebook on December 30, 2016

Say no word, my little fellow,

for I depend not on my brain

but on my heart, that always brings

this unfading pain!

Say no word, my little friend.

I'm not as wise as what you think,

but if you'll ever stain my tidy reputation,

you must run and hide thy presence away from me!

Inflexible

Originally posted on Facebook on December 30, 2016

Inflame your heart.

Chain it with a fetter.

That's my fiat —

you must follow my order.

Make no exact measure;

all I need is you.

Be my equilibrium,

in the state I want, so.

Burn your fervor —

Let your emotion flare up.

Forevermore,

you will be my ladylove.

Queries of Love

Originally posted on Facebook on November 4, 2017

Shall I ring the past into the air?
I asked the crescent Moon, to be fair.
And as she beamed her answer down,
I knew I had to let it go.

Shall I spill my secret to the sea?
I asked the stars, in quiet thought.
And as they winked their light at me,
My lonely heart bloomed bright with hope.

Shall I drown our memories in Lethe?
I asked my mind, deep in recall.
My mind said yes, but my heart said no—
A quarrel waged between the two.

Shall I have my Amoret again?
I asked a beggar, like a madman.
He laughed and said, “Live in fairytales,
And you’ll find the one that God has made.”

Then I asked the Almighty God:

“Am I free to choose a love?

Can I know the one you’ve made for me,

That I could start to love today?”

And God just smiled and said:

“You poor child, chasing love—

You’re still too young to tend it.

I am God. So, you wait.”

If I Had the Singer's Voice

Originally posted on Facebook on June 8, 2017

If I were gifted with a sweet voice like the singer has,

I would make all your days so glad;

Amid a myriad of ladies and the gathering crowd,

My golden voice in every ballad

Would unveil what is veiled, and let emotions flare up

To tell you what feeling glows inside.

Not Meant To Be

Originally posted on Facebook on June 6, 2017

If I were your boyfriend, would you never be ashamed of me?

If I were your man, would you never deny me in front of many?

Sometimes I wonder why you act that way,

And then I realize how complicated this love could be.

Cause matchless hearts stay broken,

And maybe we were never meant to be.

One Last Cry

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016

One last cry for you I'll leave,

One last vow from the heart's deep;

And the tears I'll let fall —

I'll give them all to the cold wind's breath.

An Aubade for Divine

Originally posted on Facebook on December 31, 2016

You are an awe-inspiring creature,

Yes, you, Divine, whom I adore —

The one I've been hoping for,

To be my truelove evermore.

But questions linger in my mind:

"How could we be, my dear Divine?

And could you be my Valentine?"

If you say 'no', then all is fine.

Aye, if you, Divine, would let me live

With you for a hundred thousand years;

There's nothing I would ever withhold —

My heart, my love, my truthfulness.

A Painting on Cotton Candies

Originally written and posted on Poemhunter on June 5, 2015

The cotton candies drift so high,
And suddenly they stirred my sighs;
Sorrow flared and made me cry,
Seeing your face — a painted dream in the skies.

The cotton candies drift so high,
Pulling our past back to the present;
I'd spend the day just there to lie,
Watching your face — a dream in pigment.

They wake my slumbering heart,
Oh! That flashback in the sky;
And as the clouds broke apart,
I wept in silence, wishing I could die.

The sun was swallowed by twilight's mouth,
Yet still I stayed to watch your face;
And as it faded in the clouds to the south,
All I could say was, "This is the moment I'll miss."

Your painted face was gone,

And with it, the meaning of that moment too.

Labyrinthine Love

Originally written and posted on Poemhunter on May 18, 2016

Love is like a labyrinth
Beneath the palace of Knossos,
Too hard to find your way
Without a determined Theseus.

Its winding, intricate passages
Are the problems we may face.
A frail heart never wins here —
There's a struggle at every pace.

An ox-eyed Hera by your side
May bring you misfortunes,
And that's just one of the trials
You'll soon have to face and fight.

A frail heart will withdraw,
But the firm one will withstand.
The former's prize is losing,
The latter's prize is winning.

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In the labyrinth of love

There are struggles you will face.

If you cannot endure,

You'll suffer and fall along the way.

Matchless Heart

Originally written and posted on Poemhunter on January 18, 2016

Once, I gave my heart to one of the fairest creatures,

A heart with a love no one could ever surpass.

Once, I gave my heart to one of the fairest creatures,

Yet I never realized what I was hoping for.

Once, I searched for an answer that would satisfy me,

But oh, my matchless heart —

It was your face all along

That was the answer to it all.

Leading Star

Originally written and posted on Poemhunter on September 23, 2015

How I wish to be your Lodestar,
The leading spark that lights your way;
Up in the skies, so bright, so far,
I'll go before you as you sway.

I'll be your light when all is dark,
I'll be your man, your midnight guard;
There in the night sky, I'm your mark —
Set sail, my love, I'll be your shard.

My gleam will shine so clear and bright,
And I will speak my truth outright:
"Abracadabra of the night,
Make this wish come true, if might."

How I wish to be your Lodestar,
And you, my darling, the singing lark;
Beneath the glow of your guiding star,
Sing a song so sweet, an ember in the dark.

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